

KNOW before you THROW

HOWARD COUNTY, MD



July News from Howard County Recycling

Independence Day - Slide Schedule in Effect

There will be **NO CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS** on **Tuesday, July 4**

Curbside collections of recycling, yard trim, food scraps and trash will **slide** and be made one day later that week. Bulk item collection will slide with trash collection. Scrap metal collection will remain as scheduled and will not slide.

Please note that there will REGULAR curbside collections on Monday, July 3.

Please place all items out by 6am to ensure collection.

County offices will be **closed** on **Monday, July 3** and **Tuesday, July 4**. The Alpha Ridge Landfill will be **open** on **Monday, July 3** and **closed** on **Tuesday, July 4**.

[Learn which holidays slide](#)

Flag Retirement at Alpha Ridge Landfill

Thank you to those who attended our Flag Day Retirement Ceremony



On Wednesday, June 14, representatives from the American Legion Posts 100 and 156 conducted a special Flag Day Retirement Ceremony at Alpha Ridge Landfill.

American Legion Adams, Hanna, Moore Memorial Post 156 have retired over 3,000 flags at the [Residents' Convenience Center](#) since the program's start in 2015.

Attend a ceremony

Ceremonies are held quarterly in coordination with local Scout troops. The next ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 22. For more information, please visit the Legion's [website](#).

[Residents' Convenience Center](#)

HoCo Schools Recycle: Compost Journey



Check out [Part 2](#) of our animated series! Watch our [first video](#) to learn about food scrap collection in HCPSS cafeterias.

Is your school interested in joining our Feed the Green Bin program?

Eligible schools can fill out our [interest form](#) and join the 9 other schools participating!

Did you know that on average HCPSS schools divert about 100 lbs of food scraps per week?

[Join the program](#)

Know Before You Throw: Cooking Oil

USED COOKING OIL (UCO) RECYCLING



Have you dropped off used cooking oil to the Residents' Convenience Center?

If so, you're helping create a renewable biodiesel fuel! Used cooking oil is collected by Atlantic Biofuels in Baltimore where it is filtered and processed into biodiesel fuel, a cleaner alternative to petroleum diesel. Additionally, by recycling your cooking oil, you're helping divert it from water and sewer systems. We accept any type of liquid vegetable oil (peanut, corn, canola, olive, etc.). Vegetable oil mixed with a small amount of animal fats can be recycled, but please be sure oil is free of all other fluids (water, petroleum products, soaps, etc.). **In 2022 we recycled over 3,579 gallons of oil!**

Never Down the Drain or in the Green Bin

Remember! Cooking oil should never be poured down the drain as it can cause major clogs and plumbing issues. Cooking oil is **not acceptable** in our [Feed The Green Bin](#) food scrap collection program. The best way to recycle your cooking oil is at the [Residents' Convenience Center](#).

[Cooking Oil Recycling](#)

Register for an Art & Crafts Event

Art & Crafts Upcoming July event

REPURPOSE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TO CREATE A BIRD FEEDER. RESIDENTS MUST BRING AN ALUMINUM CAN AND ALL ART SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

SATURDAY, JULY 15 AT 10 AM – 2 PM
ROGER CARTER COMMUNITY CENTER
3000 MILLTOWNE DR ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043

MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH EVENT WILL BE 20 INDIVIDUALS.

TO SIGN UP AND REGISTER NOW
USE THE LINK BELOW
[HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/231415652371148](https://form.jotform.com/231415652371148)

Rethink **Reuse**

Art & Crafts Upcoming August events

- REPURPOSE YOUR PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE TO MAKE A DRAGONFLY. RESIDENTS MUST BRING A PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE AND ALL ART SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 10 AM – 2 PM
ROGER CARTER COMMUNITY CENTER 3000 MILLTOWNE DR ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043
- REPURPOSE YOUR PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE TO CREATE A PENCIL HOLDER. RESIDENTS MUST BRING A PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE AND ALL ART SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 1 PM – 5 PM
GARY J ARTHUR COMMUNITY CENTER 2400 ROUTE 97, COOKSVILLE, MD 21723

MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH EVENT WILL BE 20 INDIVIDUALS.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP AND REGISTER NOW !](#)

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Attend a Composting Demonstration

Learn the basics of composting and take home a **FREE** backyard bin



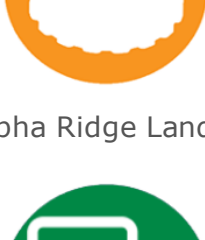
Feed your garden organically, recycle kitchen scraps and yard trim and improve your soil's health!

The Howard County Master Gardeners are here to help educate residents and answer any gardening questions. Attend a composting demonstration and get started making your own valuable soil amendment.

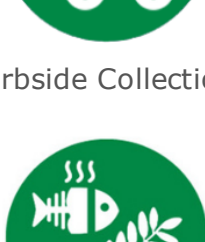
July Demonstrations

- Saturday, July 1, 9:00am - 11:00am at Alpha Ridge Landfill
- Saturday, July 1, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Miller Branch Library
- Wednesday, July 5, 4:00pm - 6:00pm at Miller Branch Library (during the Farmers Market)
- Saturday, July 8, 9:00am - 11:00am at Alpha Ridge Landfill
- Sunday, July 9, 12:00pm - 5:00pm [Wild for Water](#) at Robinson Nature Center
- Monday, July 10, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Miller Branch Library
- Saturday, July 15, 9:00am - 11:00am at Alpha Ridge Landfill
- Saturday, July 15, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Miller Branch Library
- Saturday, July 15, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Savage Branch Library
- Wednesday, July 19, 4:00pm - 6:00pm at Miller Branch Library (during the Farmers Market)
- Monday, July 24, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Miller Branch Library

[Download the 2023 Schedule](#)



Alpha Ridge Landfill



Curbside Collections



Feed The Green Bin



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Bureau of Environmental Services
9801 Broken Land Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046

410-313-6444
Normal hours:
Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

Alpha Ridge Landfill
2350 Marriottsville Rd
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Normal hours:
Monday - Saturday, 8am - 4pm

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